

Montecito Elementary PAC Virtual Google Meeting

June 16, 2020

7pm

ATTENDANCE: Nicole, Heather, Connie, Susan, Laura, Jessica, Stephanie, Mike, Alicia, Rosie, Scott, Miriam

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Motion to adopt the March / April 2020 Virtual Meeting minutes accepted, 1st Connie/2nd Stephanie.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

NOTES:

- I have tried to keep the parent community informed through regular e-mails and letters. We will complete a June newsletter.
- A huge thank-you to the PAC for the donation initiative to support some of our needy families. Between the school cash on-line donations and personal donations, we have received \$1375. We have been very fortunate to support many families, and some more than once as needed during the past three months.
- Another huge thank-you to the following students and parents who worked tirelessly to create a special Grade 7 yearbook: Rosie, Jason, Conrad, Sylvie, Susan, Glen, Kayla, Saaya, Connie, Traci, and Michael
- Grade 7s will be celebrated one at a time and each division at a time on Wednesday, June 24th. Div. 3 between 12:00-1:00; Div. 2 between 1:00-2:00, Div. 1 between 2:00-3:00
- Report card and supplies pick-up will occur during the week of June 22-25th. Children will take home their belongings on their last day of face-to-face learning and remote learners will come to the gym during staggered time slots on Thursday, June 25th.

OTHER NEWS:

- Staffing:

NEW STAFF:

-Mr. Jay Roberge – has come to us as custodian from Burnaby Mountain Secondary

-Ms. Mandy Pavic – will be a new primary teacher filling Ms. Quan's position; she was currently part-time LSS this year at Montecito and we are excited to have her full-time next year

STAFF LEAVING:

-Mr. Scott Stefanek – unexpectedly, Scott is moving with his partner to Red Deer, Alberta. We will miss Scott and the energy, support and leadership he has brought to Montecito in his year as Grade 6/7 teacher and Head Teacher; there will be an internal temporary HT for next school year. Interviews will take place next week for the applicants.

-Other staff leaving in June as mentioned in the last letter to parents: Helen Quan, Erin Pelletreau, Sam Leach, Christian Merwin, Lia Yu, Shaennen Black, Judy Dajuya, and Vesa Mihaylova

POSITIONS STILL TO FILL:

- We have a Grade 6/7 posting still to fill

- Feedback:

-Staff will be reflecting on what has gone well this term, what some of the challenges were and what support they need moving into next fall (although we are unsure what the fall will look like at this time)

-I will also be putting out a feedback form later this week to our parent community for reflection on this past term. We will take this feedback to reflect, learn and grow moving into next year.

- Welcome to Our School (for our incoming Kindergarten children):

-we created a video and sent it to all our new K families and also posted the video on our webpage. It introduces the new kindergarten children to staff and the school building.

-We were unable to run the typical Welcome to Our School event in June but will deliver 'Welcome' bags and have virtual welcoming conversations with families in September.

OTHER NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Look for a District Feedback survey (sent out Friday, June 19th) to provide feedback on third term instruction.

Thoughts are for a "Welcome to our School" virtual video for new students and families to Montecito.

September will continue with virtual PAC meetings for the foreseeable future.

CHAIR NOTES:

In lieu of a staff appreciation luncheon, staff gifts will be dropped off for distribution on Thursday, June 25th at the end of the day. Each staff member to receive a box of locally-produced, artisanal chocolates from Hagensborg chocolatiers.

The June 2020 Meeting agenda put forward motions to change our constitution and bylaws to accept virtual meetings and proxy voting. The executive did not vote to adopt these motions, instead voted to give notice to the membership that we intend to vote on proposed constitutional changes during our August meeting.

MOTION: Give two months' notice (by end of June) on changing the constitution in time for the August meeting, to be held on August 25th. Passed unanimously, 1st Stephanie/2nd Susan.

UPDATE 22 JUNE 20: PROPOSED REVISED CONSTITUTION WORDING:

Sec. 4 Definition of Terms

Electronic Meeting – an alternate method of holding meetings when in-person meetings are not possible (e.g. Zoom, Skype, Google Meet or telephone conference calls).

Sec. 6 Meetings

6.9 In the event of a municipal, provincial or federal state of emergency, or **School District restrictions/regulations** where meetings are unable to occur in-person, meetings can be held electronically. The selected Electronic Meeting method shall allow all members participating in the meeting to communicate with each other during the meeting. If an online meeting platform is chosen, alternatives for PAC members without a computer could include:

- attending by telephone
- participating by proxy by giving their voting instructions to someone who will be attending the Electronic Meeting

Sec. 8 Voting

8.3 Voters must vote in person on all matters. Voting by proxy will not be permitted unless it is an Electronic Meeting.

8.5 In the event of a municipal, provincial or federal state of emergency, or **School District restrictions/regulations** where meetings are held electronically, voting will be counted from those who participate:

- online and give a show of hands
- by telephone and give a yes or no statement
- by proxy by giving their voting instructions to someone who will be attending the meeting.

8.5.1 If a PAC member is unable to attend an electronic PAC meeting and would like to designate a proxy to cast a vote on their behalf, the member will be required to send a written message to the PAC general email address advising who their designate will be during the Electronic Meeting.

8.5.2 To ensure all votes are counted, in whatever participation method, the number of votes will be recorded in the minutes.

Our AGM is traditionally held in May – according to the Ministerial order in conjunction with the Societies Act, we can defer our AGM up to December 31/2020.

MOTION: To defer 2019-20 AGM and 2020-21 elections at this time. 1st Carine/2nd Lynda

TREASURER NOTES:

Sound system has been paid for and is working!

Staff thank you's is a regular line item in the budget (staff lunch) and is paid.

OTHER NOTES:

Thank you to Joanne for cleaning the PAC kitchen! The kitchen is clean, and all useable food is distributed to families in need.

Saleema Noon is looking to rebook our deferred dates for 2020-21.

22 June 20 UPDATE: Body Science has been booked for May 2021:
Parent info session May 11, 2021 (evening session)
Student workshops May 14, 2021

MOTION: to move Saleema Noon educational series to April/May 2021. Carried unanimously, 1st Carine/2nd Stephanie.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thanks to Connie, Logan and their team, we were awarded the Busch Video grant, which gives us 25% off the purchase of a multi-bin recycling station (or other future purchases). Regular cost is @\$969 each, with a \$250 discount! Thanks again Connie for your tireless championing of the Green Team!

A huge thank you to Connie for her tireless efforts at the school over the years, championing the Green Team, leading the library book fair, coming in daily for hot lunch, fruit and veggie, organizing the PAC items in the basement, and coaching

Odyssey! Connie, all of your many contributions will be missed, and we thank you for all that you do and all that you bring to the community of Montecito!

Scholastic orders have been received, and over \$1500 in new books and materials have been delivered to the librarian. School scholastic budget has @\$1800 left to spend.

September book fair has been rescheduled for Sept. 22-24th

Online fundraisers may still move forward: ACTION: Heather Kimmie to give proposed dates for the Fall – these may or may not move forward due to ministerial order.

22 June 20 UPDATE: Neufeld's and Purdy's fundraising can move forward for the fall but will absolutely have to adhere to physical distancing pick-up protocols and keep everything outside the building. Neufeld's/Purdy's was originally scheduled for Nov. 8 last year: proposed new dates are Friday, Nov. 6 or Friday, Nov.13th next year? (ACTION: Lynda to confirm revised dates)

The Back-To-School BBQ is looking at how we can still get together when we return in September. Please consider forwarding any ideas to pacmontecito@gmail.com

A final thank you to Connie for all that she has contributed to the PAC throughout the years: you have made a tremendous difference and you will be missed! Good luck in high school!

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 8:04pm 1st Stephanie/2nd Connie.